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SUBJECT: SWAPO LEADER VISITS SWEDEN

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1. STOPPING IN SWEDEN FEBRUARY 19-21 ON A SCANDINAVIAN TOUR, SWAPO LEADER SAM NUJOMA TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HIS GROUP WOULD NEVER ACCEPT ANYTHING THAT WAS NOT IN THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE'S INTERESTS. HE TREATED SWAPO'S WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW 1500 SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS TO REMAIN ON NAMIBIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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TERRITORY DURING A TRANSITION AS A COMPROMISE GESTURE. HE REPEATED SWAPO POSITION THAT WALVIS BAY STATUS AS PART OF NEW STATE WILL NOT BE NEGOTIATED AND THAT ELECTIONS PLANNED BY SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA THIS SUMMER WERE UNACCEPTABLE. THE ELECTIONS MUST BE DEMOCRATIC AND FREE AND UNCONTROLLED BY THE UN, NOT SOUTH AFRICA, HE STATED.

- 2. NUJOMA, WHO MET FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OLA ULLSTEN ON FEBRUARY 20, EXPRESSED THANKS FOR SWEDISH ASSISTANCE TO SWAPO AND HIS HOPE THAT SWEDEN WOULD ADOPT A BOYCOTT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORTS.
- 3. NUJOMA ACCUSED PRESS OF PUTTING WORDS IN HIS MOUTH TO THE EFFECT THAT HE IS A SOCIALIST. "TO THE EFFECT THAT WE CARRY OUT AN INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE POLICY IN THE PEOPLES INTEREST, SO ARE WE SOCIALISTS," HE EXPLAINED.
- 4. DAGENS NYHETER, COMMENTING FEBRUARY 21 ON NUJOMA'S APPEARANCE, COMMENTED THAT HE WAS TRYING TO REPRESENT HIMSELF AS A VOICE OF MODERATION AND COMPROMISE, AND TO ADJUST HIMSELF TO PRESENT POLITICAL POWER REALITIES. PAPER ALSO NOTED THAT NUJOMA REFRAINED FROM CRITICIZING INITIATIVE OF WESTERN FIVE, SUGGESTING THAT HE HOPES TO LAY BLAME ON SAG IN THE EVENT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FAILS.
- 5. REPORT ON EMBASSY-MFA DISCUSSION OF NUJOMA VISIT FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

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